

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. In the Office Action of August 11, 2004, the Examiner made the following disposition:

- A.) Objected to claim 13.
- B.) Rejected claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.
- C.) Rejected claims 1-9 in light of various references.
- D.) Allowed claims 10-14.

Applicants address the Examiner's disposition below.

A.) Objection to claim 13:

Claim 13 has been amended as per the Examiner's request to overcome the objection. Applicants respectfully submit claim 13, as amended, is therefore allowable.

B.) Rejection of claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph:

Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled.

C.) Rejection of claims 1-9 in light of various references:

Claims 1-9 have been canceled.

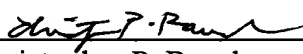
D.) Allowance of claims 10-14:

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in claims 10-14.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 10-14 are patentable. It is therefore submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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